

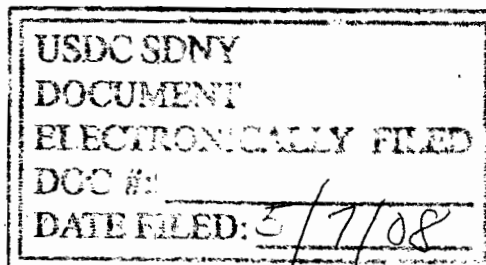


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May 7, 2008

**By Facsimile (212-805-7920)**

Honorable Shira A. Scheindlin  
United States District Court  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Maikel Soto  
07 Cr. 534 (SAS)

Dear Judge Scheindlin:

The Government writes to respectfully request, on behalf of both parties, that the next conference in the above-referenced matter be re-scheduled from May 8, 2008, to a date convenient for the Court after May 22, 2008.

The Government respectfully requests that time be excluded for purposes of the Speedy Trial Act between May 5, 2008 and the new conference date. This delay will permit the Government and the defense to continue discussions concerning the possibility of a disposition before trial. The Government makes this request with the consent of counsel for the defendant.

Very truly yours,

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*Request granted.  
Conference adjourned to  
May 27 at 12 noon  
and time excluded  
from May 5 to May 27.*

*So Ordered:  
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